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INAUGURAL STATE COURTS WORKPLAN 2014

1 The Subordinate Courts are officially renamed “State Courts” on 7 March 2014. A ceremony to launch the new name and logo was officiated by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon at the State Courts Atrium. The first Workplan of the State Courts was held thereafter at the State Courts Auditorium.

2 The theme for this year’s Workplan was “A New Chapter for Our Judiciary”. The Chief Justice delivered the Keynote Address, which set out two particular areas that will be increasingly prominent and integral to how the Courts will operate:

- i) producing holistic outcomes by strengthening partnerships with justice stakeholders;
and
- ii) working with the community for effective outreach.

3 The initiatives that the State Courts will be rolling out in the coming months centre around these areas. The initiatives are:

- i) Producing holistic outcomes by strengthening partnerships with justice stakeholders
 - A. Establishing a Progress Accountability Court
 - B. Setting up the State Courts Centre of Dispute Resolution
- ii) Working with the community for effective outreach
 - C. Partnering with the Community Justice Centre in the “Friends of Litigants-in-Person” programme
 - D. Reaching out to the public through targeted public outreach efforts in partnership with other agencies

4 The launch ceremony and the Workplan were attended by the Attorney-General, the Subordinate Courts' Bench, Court Administrators and invited guests.

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